ALASKA WORKERS’ COMPENSATION
MEDICAL SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
May 20, 2020

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

AGENDA

May 20, 2020
10:00 am       Call to order
               • Roll call - establishment of quorum
               • Approval of Agenda
               • Reading of minutes from August 23, 2019 meeting
10:15 am       Public Comment Period
11:15 am       Break
11:30 am       Overview/Discussion of 2021 MSRC Fee Schedule Issues
               • COVID-19 Potential Impacts
               • Lawsuit RE: 2020 fee schedule reimbursement limitations for off-label treatment
1:00 pm        Lunch Break
2:00 pm        2021 Fee Schedule Issues Development
               • Narrative updates to account for CMS adjustments.
                 o CMS changes to E&M category
                 o Cosmetic narrative adjustments to add clarity
                 o Expand telemedicine descriptions and clarify any limitations
                 o Clarify scenario in which relative weight is non-existent, but a payment rate exists in Addendum B (OPPS file) – (e.g. for CPT® 09375, pay at ASP value/multiplier)
               • Review access to medical care for injured workers based on 2020 adjustments
               • Review each conversion factor/multiplier category (compare to national & regional charges)
               • Consolidation toward a single conversion factor?
               • Inpatient Hospital conversion factors – evaluate methodology and consider conversion factor adjustments/consolidation.
               • Evaluate any available data related to adjustments made in 2020:
                 o Impact on utilization associated with work hardening and functional capacity exam increases;
                 o Impact of hearing aids-parts limitation of mfr invoice + 30% for fitting and dispensing (HCPCS V5011& V5160) and “gap-fill” relative values;
                 o Impact of scope of practice and off label use limitations.
               • Recommendations for adoption of evidence-based treatment guidelines and/or evidence based drug formulary.
               • Other issues
3:00 pm        Break
3:15 pm        2021 Fee Schedule Guidelines Development (cont.)
5:00 pm        Adjournment